

Docket No. A2012-14

Postal Regulatory Commission

Washington, D.C. 20268-0001

NOTICE OF FILING UNDER 39 U.S.C. § 404(d)

TO THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE:

Please take notice that on October 17, 2011, the Commission received a petition for review of the Postal Service's determination to close the Witter post office located in Witter, Arkansas. The petition for review was filed by Joy Russell (Petitioner) and is postmarked October 6, 2011.

This notice is advisory only and is being furnished so that the Postal Service may begin assembling the administrative record in advance of any formal appeal proceedings held upon the alleged (closing/consolidation) for transmittal pursuant to 39 CFR § 3001.113(a) (requiring the filing of the record within 15 days of the filing with the Commission of a petition for review). The Postal Service's administrative record is due no later than November 1, 2011.



Shoshana M. Grove
Secretary

Date: October 18, 2011

Attachment

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Re: Docket #1388096-72776 Closure of Post Office at Witter, Arkansas 72776

POSTAL REGULATORY
COMMISSION
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Dear Postal Regulatory Commission:

The Postal Service has informed the community of Witter, AR 72776, of their decision to close our post office soon. The members of the Witter community attended the public meeting about this closure and stated many, many objections to the closure of this post office which serves a very rural community. Evidently the objections of the community carried no weight in the decision to close this office.

I am a customer of the Witter, AR, post office and I am hereby vigorously protesting this action in view of the provision in the Postal Reorganization Act that calls for the Postal Service to provide a maximum degree of effective and regular postal service to rural areas, communities and small towns where the post office is not self-sustaining. The closure of this post office will cause major hardships to many people living in this community and will eliminate adequate postal service to the residents.

This closure will result in the loss of identity as a community, which is a community that has been served continuously with a local post office by the U. S. Postal System since 1877. The local residents have voiced many, many legitimate objections to the closure of this post office. Because of the rural nature of this area, some mailboxes on the rural routes are not safe for mail delivery because of theft and those people rented post office boxes at the Witter Post Office ... which will not longer be available with the closure of this post office.

The closest post office for counter service will be many miles away, and some residents of this area will have trouble traveling the distance necessary for that service. This will be a very long distance for many residents, and we feel that this Postmaster will not have adequate concern for the residents of this area since they live such a long distance away.

I feel that as a citizen of the United States of America, that I am entitled to the same efficient postal service that is provided to other areas. The Postal Reorganization Act is very plain in pointing this out. Therefore, I respectfully petition the Postal Regulatory Commission to consider my protest to the closure of the Witter, AR, post office.

Respectfully,



Joy Russell
14825 Highway 23, Witter, AR 72776